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SUBJECT: SOMALIA: OFFICIAL CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE  
PRESIDENT ELECT

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¶1. Please pass the following congratulatory message in para  
2 to the President-elect Barack Obama, from the President of  
the Transitional Government of the Federal Republic of  
Somalia.

¶2. Begin text:

His Excellency Barack Obama  
President-elect of the United States of America  
Washington, DC USA.

Excellency and Dear Brother,

Please accept, Excellency and Dear Brother, my heartfelt  
congratulations on your election as the 44th President of the  
United States of America.

This is a clear indication of the confidence the American  
people have in your leadership and vision. I am confident  
that your Presidency will be the start of a new era for  
America and the rest of the world.

I would like to express our readiness to work with Your  
Excellency's new Administration in order to further  
strengthen our friendly relations that exist between our two  
countries.

Kindly accept, Excellency and Dear Brother, the assurance of  
my highest consideration.

Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed  
President  
Federal Republic of Somalia  
Mogadishu, Somalia

End text  
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